(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No guidelines are considered necessary as Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 is a self contained order.

(e) No specific representation received for inclusion of above drugs under price control.

(f) Does not arise.

Hike in the prices of medicines

34. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 2723 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines are being sold at exorbitant prices after the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has no machinery to monitor the price increase of medicines despite declaration of effective monitoring;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is hardly aware of increase of prices of 2 per cent medicines whereas the prices of more than 80 percent medicines have gone up;

(d) names of medicines both controlled and decontrolled where prices have increased by more than 25 per cent after the announcement of DPCO 1987 along with earlier price increased price and percentage increase in each case upto 15th April, 1988; and

(e) if so, the names of medicines which have been brought back under price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Increase in the prices of some scheduled formulations has been allowed as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. Prices of some non-scheduled formulations have also gone up.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, the Deptt. has machinery to monitor prices and has been able to bring down prices of a number of decontrolled drugs.

(d) The number of formulations packs presently being marketed in the country is very large. The details required in the question are, therefore, not readily available. Time and efforts required for collection of the same will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) No price decontrolled drug under DPCO, 1987 has so far been brought back under price control.

Setting up industries in Orissa

35. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 15th March, 1988 captioned "27 licences issued during December, 1987"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the full details of the letters of intent issued/proposed to be issued for setting up industries in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news items is based on the details of letters of intent and industrial licences published in Februray, 1988 issue of the 'Monthly Newsletter' brought out by the Indian Investment Centre.

Details of letters of intent issued in December, 1987 for location of industries in the State of Orissa are: